

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm –

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R/ Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **/R**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **/R**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **/R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **/R**

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

YEAR 7 ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Application open 26 June and close 7 August 2020. Information and application forms available at www.kolbe.wa.ed.au

MASSES CAN BEEN SEEN VIA FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOUTUBE

Facebook: Rockingham Catholic Community page. YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham Online channel.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/916412335172505/?ref=bookmarks>

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**PUBLIC MASSES ARE RESUMING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 120 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHURCH AT THE USUAL TIMES (SEE BELOW).
IF MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPANTS THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PARISH HALL WITH LIVE-STREAMING AND COMMUNION.
PROTOCOLS AND HYGIENE WILL APPLY AS PER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH.**

MASS and EVENT TIMES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Monday – Saturday 7.30am
Friday 8.00am – 9.00am Holy Hour
Saturday 8.00am intercessory Rosary
6.00pm (Vigil)

Reconciliation: (Church only)
Saturday: 11.30am – 12.30pm; 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Priests can be contacted at any other time as well.

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS - SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS

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FACEBOOK PAGES

Please look for "Rockingham Catholic Community" and "Lifted High".

24:7 SOUTH YOUTH GROUP For all youth in Years 7-12 Every Friday, 7.00pm - 9.00pm (during school term

Call Ming Yan 0414 998 043, Will 0499 516 377 or Charli 0472 684 508 for more information

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS - MOVED TO 6.00PM FROM 18 JULY 2020

A number of our Mass attendants requested that the Saturday Vigil Mass be moved one hour backward. Until now we resisted the idea because we thought that this was the only 7.00pm Mass in our area. After consulting the neighbouring Priests, we decided to try the move to 6.00pm on a trial basis from Saturday 18 July.

REVISED RECONCILIATION TIMES - 4.30PM TO 5.30PM ON SATURDAYS

With the Vigil Mass time on Saturdays at 6.00pm, the afternoon reconciliation time will be held from 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays. The morning time of 11.30am to 12.30pm remains unchanged.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK COMPETITION 2020

Open to all young people 12 – 18 years. Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'. First prize \$500 Gift Voucher. Entry forms are available from the back of the church or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding **Entry closes Friday 14th August.**

The Safeguarding Office in consultation with the Archbishops office will shortlist a number of finalists. On Tuesday 8th September a Showreel featuring these finalists' media clips will be made available on the Safeguarding Website www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding and through some Catholic Secondary Schools. Peers/friends/students are encouraged to watch the showreel and vote for the best clip. The winners will be announced at the 11 am Child Protection Week Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 13th September.

GENESIS TO JESUS

Join Us for an Inspiring Bible Study at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. **Beginning Wednesday August 19 2020** (for 12 weeks except for 1st Wed of Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec) from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a Bible, notebook & pen. **Registration: \$15. Contact:** Anne Irvine 0424293776 / Sandra Carson 0470610478 / Mariza Dsouza 0435435013. Brought to you by the St. Paul Center (Journey Through Scripture).

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Discover what loving really means*

Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

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MESSAGE – 17th SUNDAY. “Treasure hidden in a field.”

Both, the first reading and the Gospel passage ask me: **what do I value the most?**

Solomon asked for wisdom: “a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil”. God granted his request, and added what Solomon had not asked: long life, riches and the lives of his enemies. This detail is not included in the short reading, and it follows soon after.

I understand that making the right choice is crucial: if I focus on what is most valuable, I will be given everything else as well. If I focus on something else I value, I will end up with that alone.

“Where is your treasure, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34).

My central choice shapes everything else.

That is what I really pass on to others: my real priorities, not my ideal ones.

I would like to think that **the field** can be understood as **the Church**, the Christian community, where the treasure, the kingdom, is found - often hidden under our human weakness. People choose to enter the Church because of the treasure in it, not because it is always attractive, perfect and holy. **The Church is where I can meet Jesus: “Whoever listens to you listens to me” (Luke 10:16); “Do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19).**

St. Gregory the Great gives a meaningful understanding of the field. **“The field in which the treasure is hidden is the discipline of heavenly learning [...] He it is that selleth all he hath and buyeth the field, who, renouncing fleshly delights, tramples upon all his worldly desires in his anxiety for the heavenly discipline.”**

St. Jerome Miani, our Founder, exhorted us - among other things - to **“hold the world in contempt”**: give everything the value it has, not more, not less. Focus on what holds the greatest value.

St. Gregory speaks of this process as “discipline of heavenly learning”. Discipline is the process of learning, which requires training. Training always entails effort and giving up what can stand in the way and hinder the process.

Discipline: “the ability to make yourself do something, even if it is difficult, so that you can achieve a goal” (Cambridge English Dictionary).

“I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8).

We have treasure in our field: Jesus, the kingdom.

What do I need to sell so as to buy the field (the Church, discipline)?

PARISH RENEWAL: INSTRUCTION FROM THE HOLY SEE

This newly issued, relatively short document from the Vatican outlines principles and avenues for parish renewal and evangelisation. It was encouraging to see that our community has already been on this journey for a little while: it is like hearing an experienced person telling you “you are on the right track, keep going!” Here it is:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/07/20/200720a.html>

FROM THE INSTRUCTION “THE PASTORAL CONVERSION”

1. The ecclesiological reflection of the Second Vatican Council, together with the considerable social and cultural changes of recent decades, has resulted in various Particular Churches having to reorganise the manner in which the pastoral care of Parish communities are assigned. This has made it possible to initiate new experiences, enhancing the dimension of communion and implementing, under the guidance of pastors, a harmonious synthesis of charisms and vocations at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel, which better corresponds to the demands of evangelisation today.

Pope Francis, at the beginning of his Petrine ministry, recalled the importance of “creativity”, meaning thereby “seeking new ways”, that is “seeking how best to proclaim the Gospel”; in respect of this, the Holy Father concluded by saying, “the Church, and also the Code of Canon Law, gives us innumerable possibilities, much freedom to seek these things”.

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Have you ever felt like just giving it all away? Some of the early Christians must have too. Matthew the evangelist wrote to demonstrate to those Jews who had become Christians that they had NOT sold out on the faith in which they were brought up. How did he do this? Come along and find out for yourself. **When:** Saturday August 8 from 9.00 till 11.00am;

Where; in the narthex of the new Mother Teresa Church, [739 Eighty Rd Baldivis](#).

How: Listen in and ask questions to the talk and discussion led by Ern Azzopardi, B Theol, DRE.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish pastoral council will meet on Tuesday 28 July at 6pm. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please send them to rockingham@perthcatholic.org.au on or before Sunday 26 July.

EVANGELISATION THINKTANK

This team will meet soon after the parish pastoral council meeting, at **7.00pm on Tuesday 28 July** at the parish hall. It is open to all who are interested. The very nature of the Church is to share the Gospel. Every Catholic is a missionary!

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER: MAKING CONNECTIONS

Healthy church communities are churches where people know and care for one another in their immediate neighbourhoods.

Some areas in our parish are starting to intentionally make these connections. Here they are, including the first names of some people who are willing to help.

- area around Jamaican Road (North: Malibu Rd; East: Read St; South: Investigator Dr; West: Charthouse Rd). *Gianna, Gonz, Ann, Sue, Jude.*
- area around Andromeda Road (North: Swinstone St; East: Read St; South: Cygnus St; West: Seabrooke Ave) *Mariza, Denzil, Gwen, Doug.*
- area around Orion Street (North: Cygnus St; East: Read St; South: Rae Rd; West: Seabrooke Ave) *Raili, Myla, Bridget.*
- area around East Penguin Road (North: Rae Rd; East: June Rd; South and West: Safety Bay Rd) *Maria, Marina*
- area around Boyle Avenue (North: Properjohn Dr, Lyttleton St, Rees Cr; East: our church grounds; South and West: Townsend Rd, Fisher St) *Grenville, Jackie.*
- area of Harrington Waters (North: Oakwood Cr, Fairview Dr; East: Ennis Ave; South: Safety Bay Rd; West: Read St) *Casilda.*
- area of Warnbro Beach (North: Malibu Rd; East: Charthouse Rd; South: Viking St, Mainsail Cr, Chalmer Ave; West: Warnbro Beach Rd) *Linda.*
- area of North Arcadia (North: Boundary Rd; East: Safety Bay Rd; South: East Rd; West: Arcadia Dr.) *Laurie and Nola.*
- Area of Hilman (North: Dixon Rd; East: Darile St; South: Milina St; West: Ennis Ave) *Pat and Janice.*
- area of East Waikiki (North: Grange Dr; East: Ennis Ave; West: Wilmott Dr) *Monica.*
- OLOL members South of Safety Bay Road: *Loret, Monica, Kristina, Susan.*

If you live in one of these areas, you have a golden opportunity to welcome Jesus by recognising His presence in our community members who took up the challenge of reaching out to active Catholics in that area.

One practical way would be to make sure that we, at the parish office, have your contact details.


No one should feel compelled to do anything they are uncomfortable with: these connections are to respectfully take into account everyone's circumstances and Christian journey. Thank you for your cooperation!

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